

BANKER'S STAMP JANUARY 3

Two First Days For Zanzibar UPU's; Half Of Set Issued October 10, Remaining Stamps Out October 13

A most unique situation developed for the first day of issue of the Zanzibar set for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Originally scheduled for release on October 10, along with the other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, only two of the four stamps, the 30c and 50c value arrived there for release on that date. According to a report from Zanzibar that was even sooner than the stamps were expected since because of continued delays in transit, it was felt they would not arrive before November 1 at the earliest.

Zanzibar is a British Protectorate consisting of a group of islands off the East Coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean, of which the island of Zanzibar and Pemba are the largest and principal ones.

Dealers who had first day covers to prepare and stamps to buy for clients all over the world were resigned to the November 1 date. So when on the evening of October 9 the news was released that the 30c and 50c denominations would be sold on the next day, October 10, most of them had to rush preparations.

On October 12, the remaining two stamps of the series, the 20c and 1 shilling, arrived. It was announced at once that the following day, October 13, would be the first day of issue for those.

Dealers were caught flat-footed since most of their cacheted envelopes for the first day of issue had been used on the 10th for the 30c and 50c stamps.

First day covers, therefore, of the 20c and 1/- denominations, will probably be quite scarce.

At nearly all post offices throughout the country, the window clerks were greeted with long lines of eager purchasers.

In some places, the facilities prepared for the expected rush were not adequate, postmasters having to improvise more of them in a hurry.

Argentina which had some time ago announced a first day of November 17 for its 25c UPU stamp, changed the date at the last minute to November 19.

The stamp itself will rank in the extra select top group of well designed and beautiful stamps. The design is keynoted with dignity and simplicity in a well blended combination of classic and modern presentation.

Iran, or Persia if you prefer it that way, will issue a UPU set which is due for release in the very near future. Other than the fact that the set is contemplated nothing further is known of the number and value of the stamps or of the designs which will be carried.

In checking through the list of the major stamp issuing countries of the world only about 21 of them have so far not indicated one way or another whether they would issue stamps for the UPU anniversary.

New Zealand has stated that it will not produce an issue. In this instance, it is hoped that the government there will reverse its decision.

Other nations which are still to be heard from are listed below. They have not indicated their intentions in the matter of UPU commemoratives.

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Requests are to be directed to Philatelic Service, 64 Zeestraat, The Hague, Netherlands.

One decided advantage of the list is that all stamps while sold at face value have the equivalent price in United States money listed along with that for Netherlands and Canada.

Currently, stamps for sale are the Queen Wilhelmina issue of 1947 complete to the 60c; the Queen Juliana series of 1949 from 5c to 10 Gulden; the Postage Due stamps of 1912, 1921 and 1947.

Also offered until December 31 is the set of semi-postal stamps for Child Welfare issued on November 14.

Long Islanders Will Hear WISC President

"Ladies Night" will mark the first meeting of the Long Island Stamp Club in its new quarters at the Franklin Hotel, 163rd street and 89th avenue, Jamaica, N. Y. on Tuesday evening, December 13.

Mrs. Leona Pecha, president of the Women's International Stamp Club, will show stamps of Hawaii as guest exhibitor.

A philatelic gift will be presented to every lady attending. Mrs. Frances VerBouwens is in charge of arrangements.

Charles S. Lasky, president, has announced that the move is due to the rapid growth of the club, organized only last April, and that women collectors are invited to join.

The second and fourth Tuesdays, except December 27, will continue as meeting nights. Visitors are always welcome.

First Day Sale At Saratoga Springs, New York; Association Was Organized There In 1875

The Stamp which to date has had as much adverse comment as the Turner and Poultry Industry Centennial ("Chicken") stamps of 1948, will be the first one issued in 1950. It is the issue to mark the 75th anniversary of the American Bankers Association. The Bankers Association has members from financial institutions in all parts of the country who meet regularly for the exchange of ideas and information and also to engage in friendly fellowship. It is similar in principal and concept to the American Medical Association, composed of doctors, and the Manufacturers Association, made up of leaders of industry.

The official Post Office Department announcement relative to the stamp is as follows:

"Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced that the 3-cent American Bankers Association commemorative stamp will be placed on sale for the first time at Saratoga Springs, New York, on January 3, 1950. The American Bankers Association was organized at Saratoga Springs in 1875.

"The stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally. The central design depicts a coin on which is shown some of the fields in which the banks give service. The home symbolizes our daily life, the farm our raw products, the train our transportation, and the skyline our manufacturing. Around the border of these symbols is the wording "American Bankers Association." The lettering "U. S. Postage" in white modified Gothic appears just below the central portion in a dark panel. The dates "1875" and "1950" appear in the upper left and right corners, respectively, in white Roman, each in a dark panel. These panels are joined by ornamental scrolls and each is joined on the side borders in the same manner, with the denomination counter in each lower corner bearing the denomination "3c" in white Roman on a shaded circular background.

"The color of this new stamp will be announced later.

"Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of self-addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster at Saratoga Springs with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed."

Stamp Counterfeiters Plead Guilty In Court

An additional three men accused of being members of a counterfeiting ring of country-wide proportions pleaded guilty in New York City's Federal Court on November 15.

They were charged with printing, possessing, conspiracy to possess and the selling of counterfeit 3c postage stamps of the United States.

To be sentenced on December 8 are Arthur Napoletano, Peter Buscemi and Philip Schwartz all of the greater New York City area.

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Illinois Federation Chooses Decatur For 1950

Among the items of business completed at the annual exhibition and convention of the Central Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs held at Bloomington, Ill., November 5 and 6 was the election of new officers.

Named to guide the group are Chairman Dr. Charles Sneller of Peoria; Guy Ade of Moline and William G. Comben of Kankakee as vice-chairmen; C. Turner Nearing, Decatur, secretary-treasurer and Carl E. Rhoads of Bloomington as a director.

Hosts for the 1950 meeting of the federation will be the Decatur Stamp & Coin Club, Decatur, Ill.

Two Provisionals Appear From Ecuador

An immediate need for stamps of the 20 and 30 centavos denominations caused the Post Office Department of Ecuador to surcharge new values on the 25c and 50c Consular Fee stamps.

First day for these provisionals was November 16.

A first day cover with the stamps cancelled on that date was received through the courtesy of Estrella, Box 537, Quito, Ecuador.



BANKER'S STAMP HAS AN ATTRACTIVE, BUT CROWDED DESIGN. It will be issued on January 3 at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. where the Association was founded in 1875. No color was announced in the official Post Office Department Bulletin which gave other details of the issue. Collected inside the coin are a home, farm, manufacturing plant and a diesel-powered streamliner. Details for the servicing of covers on the first day are to be found in a news article elsewhere on this page.

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All are to be printed on the "Lotus and Sri" watermarked paper with the following designs and denominations: 5c Kiri Venera Polonnaruwa; 15c Vesak Orchid; 30c Sigiriya Rock; 75c Air Ceylon and 1 Rupee, the ancient ruins of Madirigiriya.

The 15c value of the Independence commemorative issue was withdrawn on October 9.

India is planning a four value set for issuance on January 20 on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Indian Republic.

Denominations will be 2, 3½, 4 and 12 annas.

Just 150,000 sets are to be issued of the semi-postal stamps Iran will use to commemorate the millennium of Ibn-Sina. Designs are to be fashioned after art of the Islamic period of Persian history.

Denominations and colors are 50 plus 25 dinars, green; 1 plus ½ rials, brown; 2½ plus 1¼, blue; 5 plus 2½r red and 10 plus 5r olive.

Also according to Whitfield King & Co., Luxembourg will release its 1949 semi-postal stamps on December 5. They are to pay honor to Michel Rodange, an author who died in 1876, all stamps showing his portrait.

There will be four stamps in the set with colors and denominations as follows: 60c plus 40c olive green and dark gray; 2Fr plus 1Fr violet and brownish yellow; 4Fr plus 2Fr slate and dark gray and 10Fr plus 5Fr brown and yellow brown.

Sale of the stamps will cease on January 31, 1950.

One of the several varieties reported to date on the UPU stamps of the British Colonies has occurred on the 6d for St. Lucia. It is reported that one sheet of this value was found on which the left hand vertical row was found imperforate.

Purchase of the sheet was made locally at the Soufriere post office.

Polish Catalog Added New Features

A brand new up-to-date catalog for 1949-50 with current prices in zlotys of all the stamps of Poland has just been issued by T. Gryzowski, P.O. Box 292, Warsaw, Poland. It is an 80 page book set in smaller type than the 1948 edition of 64-pages, and consequently has a great deal more material—material sorely needed by the regular collector as well as by the specialist.

The catalog covers all the issues from 1860 up to the most recent 1949 emissions. It includes the regular issues as well as semi-postals, airmail, locals, dues, foreign offices, military issues, occupations, plebiscites, Central Lithuania etc.

A very important feature is the listing and pricing of many oddities, inverts, errors, proofs and imperfs of pre-war issues which were not available to collectors up to the war but which as a result of war activities, were removed from the Postal Museum and from the Government Printing Office to find their way to the philatelic market.

The book is priced at \$1.50 in Poland and may be obtained for \$1.75 postage prepaid or for \$2 by insured mail from V. Rachmanov, 214-17 47th Avenue, Bayside, New York or from M. E. Steczynski, 4154 N. LeClaire Avenue, Chicago 41, Illinois.

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Union Of South Africa Opens Philatelic Agency

The Union of South Africa which has in the past few years been sympathetic to the wants of stamp collectors, has added a further service for their accommodation.

It will now be possible for collectors in all parts of the world to purchase the stamps of that country from a newly established Government Philatelic Agency, Post Office, Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

It is the first Agency in the "Union" and one of the few in the British Commonwealth of nations, the members of which have for the most part in the past ignored the collector and his wants.

It was estimated that over 10,000 collectors from all corners of the world placed orders for the UPU set. With the attractive new set of Voortrekker commems coming up, the Africans decided to be in a position to help collectors in the best manner possible.

First Day Statistics 6c Airmail Booklet

Postmaster Albert Goldman, of New York City released the financial figures for the Post Office activity which was represented by the temporary post office station at the American Stamp Dealers Association stamp show held at the 71st Regiment Armory, November 18th to November 20th inclusive.

Postmaster Goldman advised that at the station on the First Day or Issue, November 18, 20,662 single panes of the new 6c Air Mail Stamp were sold; 5,465 of the booklets which contained 2 of the panes, valued at 73c each were sold. On the 19th of November, Postmaster Goldman placed on sale, the 10c Universal Postal Union commemorative Stamp and sold 33,441. Other commemoratives sold during the show totaled 338,844 and receipts of the station for the 3 day period amounted to \$26,695.27.

Postmaster Goldman also announced that the 6c panes were on sale at the General Post Office and were used to service covers received in mail orders. The total panes sold at the temporary post office station and at the General Post Office and through mail orders amounted to 97,092 having a value of \$34,953.12.

The 73c booklets which contained 2 panes were sold at the temporary post office, at the General Post Office and at all stations of the New York, N. Y. Post Office and resulted in a total sale of 8,302 having a total value of \$6,060.46.

First-day cancellations were supplied at the temporary station, at the General Post Office and to mail order requests with the result that 108,948 covers received first-day cancellations.

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Collectors who like to use the Stanley Gibbons (of London) Stamp Catalog in conjunction with other catalogs relating to the issues of the British Commonwealth of Nations will be pleased to learn that Parts I and II of the 1950 edition are available.

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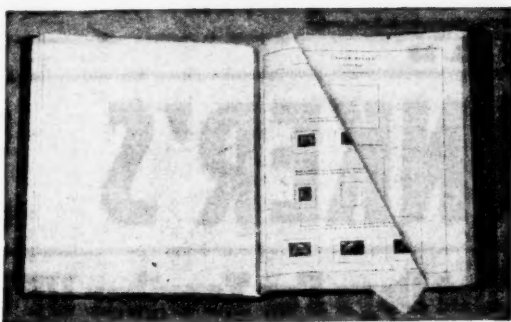
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BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
Box 21, Planetarium Sta.
New York 24, N. Y.

BRITISH HONDURAS. Scott's Monthly Journal for October has reduced the current stamps based on the recent devaluation. This is evidently an error as this colony did NOT devalue their currency. The British Honduras dollar is still worth one dollar in U. S. funds.

HONG KONG. Some months ago this column mentioned the scarcity of Hong Kong No. 161, the 30 cents olive bistre stamp. Scott's catalogue price at that time (1949 issue) was \$2.50 and Stanley Gibbons price was 15 shillings. However it was mentioned that the retail price in London, when available, was from \$8.00 to \$12.00.

The 1950 Stanley Gibbons catalogue, prepared before devaluation, increased the price of this stamp from 15 shillings to 70 shillings although in the 1950 Scott's catalogue the price remains at \$2.50???

CANADA. Just prior to the planned release on June 6, 1949 of five new low value stamps, a change of design was found necessary. Prior to June 6, supplies had been sent to various post offices and when these were recalled, it was found that some had been sold prior to release date.

The Canadian Post Office Department now advise that they will sell the unrevised stamps at face in January 1950 as long as the supply on hand lasts. As no further stocks of these stamps will be printed these unrevised design stamps should be good.

NEWFOUNDLAND. The stamps have lost none of their popularity since Newfoundland ceased to be a stamp issuing country. The long Coronation set of 11 stamps is getting scarce in fine condition with prices advancing. Most of these sets were poorly centered.

ADEN. The 14 Anna stamp issued in 1933 is to be replaced though there is no news that this item has been withdrawn.

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Members of the club specialize in the stamps, covers and postal stationery of Austria. They keep the membership, which is nationwide, informed of past and present news about Austrian philatelic

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Information about the society can be gotten from Joseph F. Bush, 61 W. 74th St., New York 23, N. Y., secretary.

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A. S. D. A. Show Tremendous Success

Only Linn's Weekly Stamp News had the foresight to predict that this great show held in the 71st Regiment Armory in New York City on November 18, 19 and 20 would be a huge success, in fact in our editorial in our issue of November 14th we said....

"We have every reason to believe that this coming show will be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in New York and second only to the great CIPEX show of 1947." And that it was. Our prediction came true and those who held their doubts about the success of the show are now enthused and ready for plans for an even bigger and better show in 1950. If the active members of the ASDA do not immediately start plans for the 1950 show, strike while the iron is hot, they will miss the support of all the pent up enthusiasm generated by the show that has just closed. Just how many attended is not yet known as it will take some time to get close to the actual figures. There were no turnstiles and there were several different brands of tickets available so that the only way any attendance figures can be found is by a count of the tickets received. Estimates by various people including many who have a wide experience in judging crowds such as this set the figure at between 40,000 and 50,000 for the three days.



GEO. W. LINN

Among those with whom we talked concerning attendance figures were Mr. Kent Stiles, stamp columnist on the New York Times, Harry L. Lindquist, publisher of Stamps Magazine, Peter G. Keller, President of the ASDA and others of note in the stamp world.

A tremendous amount of the credit due for the success of this show must be placed on the broad shoulders of Peter G. Keller, President of the ASDA. It was due to his untiring work, almost single handed at times that the show came to life and went through three days that will be talked about for some time to come. After things got into the swing at the Armory, several who had carried doubts about the success of the event became enthused and gave their help willingly.

There is really so much to tell, that we could write a page or two and we will find plenty to reminisce about in these editorials for weeks to come. Perhaps the enthusiasm generated by this successful show will arouse those who have been skeptical and lead to a bigger and better and stronger ASDA.

It might not be out of place to say that there was held at New York a gathering of the presidents of the various National Societies with the idea of organizing a Philatelic Council such as we have suggested in past editorials. We have often stated that Philately needed a Judge Landis and perhaps this meeting will develop a plan whereby we can have some cooperation that will bring forth something that will be of great help in ridding the hobby of some of the more undesirable things that infest it.

As I have already said, the space at my disposal in this column is far too little to tell you all about the show and about the trip to New York by Mrs. Linn and myself. I shall deal with things of interest on this trip in a later story for now I am just home from New York after a ten day trip that has left me feeling like I had been dragged through a knot hole. It is hard work to cover an event of this nature and the days in New York preceding the show were filled with activity leading up to the show as well as in other ways. Three ten hour days on the floor of the show greeting hundreds of collectors who came to our booth and wanted to shake hands and tell us how much they enjoyed our paper, were tiresome, yet exceedingly pleasant days. And although we were glad when it was over, we assure everyone whom we met that we enjoyed every bit of it.

For our own personal joy we have to thank the Philatelic Foundation for their release of our Portsmouth Cover with their approval and blessing just before this big event. We had the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with most of the members of this foundation whose signatures are on the certificate accompanying the cover. We thank Kent B. Stiles and the New York Times, also James B. Hatcher and the New York Journal-American for the splendid publicity they gave this cover which has helped give us many pleasant contacts since the show. We got home tired but happy on Tuesday morning, November 22nd and as we write this we are peering for the week end at Columbus where the Philatelic Congress will be held. We will have another three days of active work at our display there as well as in helping judge the show of some 300 frames which will be shown.

We could write for hours and not tell all we would like to tell but must close for this week after thanking Mr. Walter Schumann and his lovely wife for their care and attention while in New York. Walter is our New York representative and is doing a splendid job for us there as all who meet him can testify. We met and saw many well known dealers and collectors and only a story starting on the date of our arrival and running up to the final last half day which we spent with Harry Lindquist, publisher of Stamps Magazine, could contain all we could tell you. More about this last event later, but it would be one of the most pleasant parts of our visit for we reminisced about the early days of our Philatelic Activity, those days we first met and the years that have gone over the dam since then.

My desk has many things on it that need attention. The balance of this week will be taken up mostly with Thanksgiving day and brother, we in this great country all have plenty to be thankful for. The end of the week we will be in Columbus and we expect to come home dead tired again.

Next week we will devote our time to trying to get rested up so we can prepare you a real story about our visit to New York and we hope that the boys in New York will start planning right now for the 1950 show. We assure you all that we will be there with you again.

Washington Collectors Change Meeting Place

Beginning with the November 23 meeting, the Washington Philatelic Society of Washington, D. C. began meetings in a new place.

The club now meets the second and fourth Wednesdays in the

Arts Club of Washington, 1017 "T" St., N. W.

A new sales manager for the club's sales circuit was made necessary by the resignation of Lt. Col. Leonard H. Smith, Jr., from the job which he has filled so capably in the past. Dr. George L. Fite will direct the sales circuit as manager in the future.

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The Pottstown group is one of the most active in its section of the nation. Meetings are always interestingly programmed, while each year, the club sponsors one of the outstanding national stamp shows.

Collectors in the Pottstown, Pa. area interested in joining a live wire organization can get in touch with Horace S. Swavely, treasurer, 222 King St., in Pottstown.

Annual Meeting And Banquet For Helvetians

A big day is in store for the members of the Helvetia Society for the Collectors of Switzerland when on Saturday, January 21, the Twelfth Annual meeting of the group is scheduled for "The Tramer" 1 W. 52nd St., in New York City.

Following the business session of the afternoon which will be convened at 4 p. m. is the annual banquet at 7 p. m.

Members are urged to make their reservations for the affair soon as possible. Cost will be \$4.50 per plate, available from Jacob Brupbacher, 442 Anderson Ave., Cliffside Park 1, N. J.

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First Day Cover fans who discover that they have stitch marks on the selvage of the 6c airmail booklet panes, might have what is expected to prove a valuable item. The P. O. expected a big call for panes instead of complete booklets for first day sale, and released, it has been unofficially reported, 100,000 loose booklet panes, making it unnecessary to tear a booklet apart. This means that a lot of panes without the stitch marks have been sold and that very few with the stitch marks, have been used on first day covers.

Many collectors and dealers objected to an important auction being sandwiched in between Thanksgiving and Xmas so Robert J. Mathieu of Winchendon, Mass., succumbed to their pleas. His airmail auction with its out-of-this-world material, will be postponed to January 13th at the Parker House, Boston, Mass. If you haven't already done so, you should write for a free copy of the catalog which bulges with bargain opportunities.

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This being December 5, I wonder how many of you have been softened up a bit because of the nearness of the Christmas Season.

It is said that even the most hardened heart gets a little bit mellow come this time of the year and causes its owner to do some things of a helpful and charitable nature not considered ordinarily.

So, what am I driving at?

I would like to suggest that those of you who have spare stamps, covers, accessories and cash that sooner or later you are going to get rid of anyhow, and which is desirable material, and not junk, why not make someone happy with it.

There are a number of handicapped and bedfast collectors in each community, there are the hospitalized veterans, there are the shut-ins and there are also a great number of junior collectors who not only need and want stamps, but also the minutes which an experienced collector can spend with them in guidance and encouragement.

It has been said that of all the treasures man has, time is the most priceless. It can not be bought, but it can be given. When someone gives you part of their time, they are giving you part of their life.

Try helping the handicapped and the young in your own community first. You might have to spend a few minutes of your time finding who they are.

1. In 1945 and 1946, stamps were issued to pay tribute to the Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. On one of the stamps is the symbol of the service for which the stamp was issued. Which one was it?

2. In what year was the last stamp issued which had the Statue of Liberty in its design, and which stamp was it?

I wish that it were possible to reproduce the stamp design which Emil Jahnke of Flint, Michigan sent here for the recently announced Banker's Association stamp.

Included in the design are the three balls of the pawn broker, a view of Wall St., dice, playing card trumps, and wording, "U Lose, We Win" and "Money Is Our Business."

It seems that there is more than one post office with a two state designation. The original one mentioned here was Anthony, New Mexico-Texas.

According to Moe Luff of New York City there is still another one, Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, and that the postmark from there carries the two state designation.

I haven't seen any of those postmarks so can't verify it, but feel quite sure that Mr. Luff is definitely correct. Of course it is obvious why the town has the name it does. It is another one of those with the line dividing two states running through it.

With the exception of the Gold Star Mothers stamp of 1948 no request for a stamp to honor a member of the gentler sex is more worthy than one for Clara Louise Maass.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that Cuba will remember her in 1951, as will several of the other Central American countries. The big question is, will the United States Post Office Department commemorate Miss Maass? Clara Louise Maass, a nurse with the United States Army in Cuba, was the person who indirectly made it possible to build the Panama Canal. She made the supreme sacrifice, her life, in establishing that the Stegomyia mosquito was the carrier of yellow fever.

When only 25 years old and planning to enter a happy marriage she volunteered to be bitten by one of the Stegomyia. Conducting the experiment were Dr. Car-

los Finlay of Cuba and Dr. Walter Reed (5c Scientists of the Famous Americans) of the United States Army.

Just ten days after her second infection, on August 14, 1901, she died of yellow fever, yet her death furnished scientists with the clues which helped to wipe yellow fever off the face of the earth.

It helped make the building of the Panama Canal possible in a territory where the disease abounded.

Nurse Maass was buried with full military honors. In the intervening years she was forgotten.

Here is a project which is worthy of consideration by every collector, non-collector and stamp club of the United States. Favorable letters to the Postmaster General would help the promotion a lot.

H. M. K. has sent an unusual item which just goes to show you how stamps get around.

In July 1864, the steamer Electric Spark, conveying the United States Mail from New York to New Orleans was captured by the armed cruiser, The Florida, commissioned by the Confederate States of America.

Part of the cargo consisting of U. S. postage stamps with a face value of \$10,500 was appropriated by Richard Taylor, paymaster of the vessel. Taylor at the end of the war sold the stamps at half face to Alfred Woods of Liverpool, England who then consigned them to Bond & MacArthur, Toronto Commission Merchants.

The United States claimed the stamps through an action in the Canadian Courts and in due time the stamps were turned over to the United States.

Wonder if any of the perfs were nibbled, or the margins of the sheets dented?

Today one can buy a packaged dinner that contains the delicacies of a certain part of the country, and which requires little else than heating for the serving of it. Southern fried chicken, sea food dinners or special dishes from well known restaurants or inns are available through the mail, and are put up on request to serve the number of persons designated by the host-to-be.

As is to be expected, these meals put a healthy dent in the contents of the average pay envelope.

What is not known generally is the fact that this is not a new idea or business.

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1. It was the Army stamp
2. It was the Joseph Pulitzer commem issued in 1947.

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The Postal authorities turned these over to the Austrian Children's Society who then sold them to interested persons, the profit from which sale went to the Society to further its work in behalf of handicapped children.

There were about 2000 of the covers carried on the flight, the special postmark for which can be seen above. The cost to collectors was 1.50 Schilling per cover.

The annual day on which the Austrian stamp collector is remembered was on September 24 this year.

For the occasion, the Austrian Post Office Department imprinted the stamp of the recently issued Johann Strauss (Father) stamp on a buff colored postal card.

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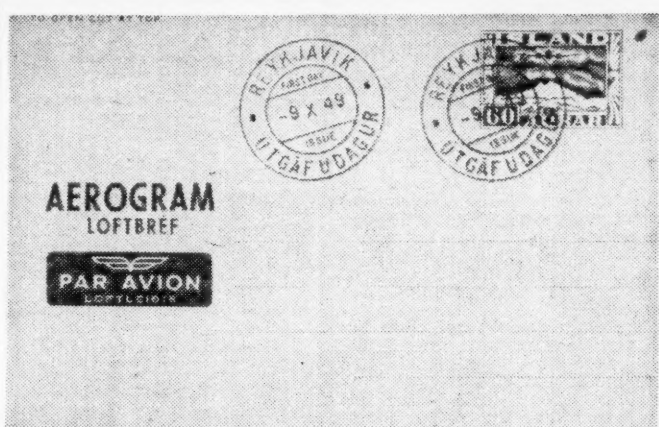
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Prussian Postal Affairs Subject Of New Book

"Old Germany Under the Magnifying Glass", by Ewald Mueller-

Mark, a series in which the German States are discussed one by one and of which Baden through Oldenburg have so far been available, is being continued in a volume just released about the stamps of Prussia.

Included is a catalog of the adhesive stamps and stamps on stamped envelopes; postal tariffs; a treatise on the method of production employed in Prussia; descriptions and illustrations of artists drawings; essays, proofs, plates, errors and varieties.

The various kinds of franking are also discussed, including the use of stamps cut from postal stationery in lieu of adhesives, bi-sects, and mixed frankings made up of different issues and even comprising different currencies as Silbergroschen and Kreuzer on one letter.

The book has 50 pages 5 1/2 x 8" with 32 illustrations, costs \$2.50, and can be ordered from Erich Haide, (24a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany.

Mr. Haide is preparing a special glossary in English for collectors who should find it difficult to read the German text in which the book is written.

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A chapter of the U. S. Twentieth Century Postal Cancellation Society was organized in Chicago in October, 1947. It grew from a membership of 5 in 1947 to a membership of approximately 30 at the present time.

In the Chicago Philatelic Society show of 1948, a section of the Exhibits was devoted to cancellations. It was an interesting and much talked about exhibit. It was something new in shows—a special section for postal cancellations and markings on covers and stamps. Now the Society is frequently asked to show and talk about cancellations by various clubs in Chicago.

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By

Emanuel Strauss

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WHO SAID THERE WAS NO BUSINESS AROUND? I have just come through three days at the American Stamp Dealers "1949 National Postage Stamp Show" where we experienced a tremendous attendance the first day, still bigger the second day and still more on the third and final day.

Thousands upon thousands of stamp enthusiasts kept coming in with machine gun regularly spending thousands upon thousands of dollars for stamps and philatelic accessories.

As usual the requests for plate numbers were plentiful. One out of every four sales centered around the 10c and 15c UPU Air Mails. It was only natural that the famous Palomars 23888 and 23889 besides the Harlan Fiske Stone plates headed most every want list. It was only natural that they still headed those same want lists after the show was over.

I gained great satisfaction not only from this show but also from that other big show of last month the Stamp Collectors Jamboree at the Hotel McAlpin also in New York City. My satisfaction was obtained from the fact that of the thousands of people who spoke with me the majority wholeheartedly agreed with the principles as outlined in this column.

Add to these thousands all of those who met and spoke with me at Boston and Newark and the untold numbers cross-country and you will have a pretty good idea as to what our dissenters have to buck when they endeavor to convince us that we are on the wrong track.

Unsolicited opinions from a good many substantiated my greatest war cry that one position of the same plate number could be tougher to acquire than the other positions of the same plate number. Many of these position collectors were thankful that they obtained their positions when they were available rather than to wait when one or more positions of the same plate number would prove to be difficult to get.

Frankly I believe it is ridiculous and in fact not the least bit helpful when anyone even tries to convince another collector that all positions of the same plate number are equal in value.

To be sure when a single impression of a plate is made then one of all positions is there and appears on the original sheet but the sheet is then divided into panes suitable for retail purposes. Thus all of the positions are separated from one another and the chances are they are dispersed to the four corners of our country.

I don't want to give the impression that it is not possible for all positions of the same plate to show up in one place. This has occurred here, in New York City, and other large cities but New York City is not the whole of the United States and there are still more position collectors and plenty of them, all over the country who seldom are fortunate in obtaining their complete positions in or around their local sphere. These collectors still are the bulk and majority of our plate collectors and they have found it somewhat a test to fill in their position needs.

How can those people who disagree with us account for the fact that certain positions of plates 23892 and 23893, of the Stone issue, still remain elusive and that want list after want list still calls for them. After all were there not an equal amount of the four positions present when the original sheets came off the press?

If as these people argue that all positions are equal in value, then where are those certain positions that most everyone needs? After all we all admit that an equal amount of all the positions of the same plate number were printed.

Now I am going to give those dissenters something to mull over.

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Furthermore here is something that unquestionably won't help them digest their next meal and that is the new 10c UPU plates 24151 and 24155 are going to give us a time of it with the lower left positions and I almost forgot to mention the fact that at this writing the 10c value is only three days old.

I certainly could not close out this column without mentioning the wonderful evening I had when Mr. and Mrs. George Linn visited with us during their trip East to attend the ASDA Show. This was one time when the women had to sit by (quietly??) while Mr. Linn and myself (for a change??) discussed our favorite hobby. I could safely wager that after our talk was over our wives were firmly convinced that perforations flowed through our veins instead of blood.

Pasadena Collectors Name New Officers

New officers are now guiding the destiny of the San Gabriel Valley Philatelic Society since a recent election.

Jack H. van Praag is the president elect, while chosen as officers to serve with him are Dorrance Ulvin, vice-president; Morton Coops, treasurer; secretary Helen Schonrock, 3506 Farnsworth Ave., Los Angeles 32, Calif. and Gordon S. McDougal, corresponding secretary.

Meetings of the group are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Pasadena Athletic Club, Pasadena, Calif. Collectors are always welcome to attend.



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
 Baltimore, Ohio

THOUSANDS.

In my notes for the November 14th issue regarding the size of state collections, there is an error, mine or typographical, which I don't know. But to set things right, there are state collections at least in OHIO that are over the twenty thousand mark.

There are several Illinois and New York state collections that are over twenty thousand also. California has several collectors that have state collections approaching the twenty thousand mark.

So the figures 1800 to 2000 are not very large state collections. So you can see why when state collections are approaching the size of an old time general collection that collectors are turning to other fields.

BUREAU PRINTS.

Bureau Prints the government printed precancels still seem to be on the upswing. More and more interest is being shown in them. One factor I think is the many new 2c values appearing from different cities.

The 2c Presidential lends itself to precancelling readily and looks outstanding and attractive. So what some collectors thought was a deterrent to precancel collecting, the raising of postal rates, seems to really be a boon.

Columbus, Ohio has been using the new 2c Narrow bureau of recent weeks I am advised and Marietta, Ohio joins the small OHIO cities with a 1c Bureau. Hattiesburg, Mississippi also is using Bureaus freely now. It is the 1c value.

But to the 2c value goes the show in coils from Fort Worth, Texas, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; and Portland, Maine. In sheet stamps of the 2c value it's Atlantic City; Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Grand Rapids and Jackson Mich. Others are in the offing.

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The top inscription reads "4 E.M. Anniversaire de L'uno." The central design shows an arch with what appears to be a globe within it. The stamp is quite crudely printed and roughly perforated as is usual for this country.

ALBANIA: A three value set shows a map of Albania. Superimposed on it are a soldier and a group of workers. Denominations are 2.50 lek brown, 51. blue, 81 light red brown. Each stamp also bears the date "1943-1949."



ARGENTINA: A 75 centavo brown airmail has been received. The stamp pictures an elaborate column with an angel at the top. In the background is a series of circles. It was for an International Rifle Shooting Contest.



FRANCE: The three commems for the UPU all have the same design which in a symbolic manner depict the cooperation in the passing of mail between nations.

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- 84—Annapolis 3c, May 23
- C41—6c Airmail Coil, August 2
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HUNGARY: The UPU commemorative set has been received and consists of three perforated and three imperforated values. In addition the three perforated values also came in booklets containing six of each value. These booklets are straight edged on two sides and are said to be very limited.

IRAQ: The UPU commemoratives have been received. Denominations are 20 fils blue, 40 fils orange, 50 fils purple.

ITALY: The composer Domenico Cimarosa will be honored by a 20 Lire commemorative bearing his portrait.

JAPAN: A souvenir sheet commemorates the 75th anniversary of the UPU. The sheet contains imperforate reproductions of the 2 yen green and the 8 yen lake of the regular UPU set.

JAPAN: Another sports commemorative showing four different subjects in a block of four has been received. The stamps are in a dark olive drab shade and each stamp has 8 yen face value. One shows a javelin thrower, another shows sailing, the third shows a relay race and the fourth shows a tennis player.

PHILIPPINE IS. The 50th anniversary of the death of General Gregorio del Pilar will be commemorated by a two value set to be issued on December 2. Both stamps will show the hero riding on his white horse. Denominations are 2 centavo red brown and 4 centavo apple green.

SAN MARINO: The UPU commemorative will be issued in December. Denomination will be 100 Lire and design will picture a stage coach.

RUSSIA: The UPU set has been received consisting of two values showing a globe surrounded by a ring of letters. In the lower left hand corner there is an old fashioned stage coach, in the lower right hand corner a ship and a train, in upper right hand corner an airplane in flight and upper left hand corner the number "75" and wording indicating that the UPU anniversary is being celebrated. Denominations are 40k red brown and slate blue, and 50k dark blue and violet. Each value exists both perforate and imperforate.

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By George W. Linn

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How can one distinguish the off- set printed U. S. stamps from the other issues of similar design?

The stamps this collector refers to are Scott numbers 525, 526, 529, 531, 532, 535 and 536. Scott states that the offset printed stamps are lithographed stamps but does not tell very clearly how an amateur might best distinguish these stamps from other stamps.

One with much experience in handling these stamps can usually do so by appearance, color and tone of the printing but now and then a copy comes along that is a bit difficult to classify in this manner and then the old and regular rule that should readily show the difference between an offset printed stamp and an engraved stamp must be applied.

All United States Stamps with the exception of the numbers given and with the exception of the flags pictured on the Flag Series are printed from engraved plates. Fine quality engraving can always be told by the ink on the picture.

An engraved plate is made by cutting the design, or impressing the design into the plate. This leaves the surface smooth, but the design is cut into or sunk into the plate so that when the ink is rubbed on to the plate the ink goes into the recess.

Before taking a print, the plate is then wiped off to clean the surface as thoroughly as possible. This leaves ink in the sunken or

recessed parts of the plate. The paper is then laid on the plate and an impression taken. The ink in the recesses sticks to the paper and when dried this ink actually stands up on the paper.

If you could magnify one of the stamps to a great enough extent you could easily see the ink standing up on the paper like hills and the less inked or uninked parts of the stamp if any would appear like valleys.

One way to see this is to hold a stamp up level with your eye and squint across its surface. A good eye can see the ink standing up in the paper and this is a sign that the stamp is engraved.

This rule is being upset however by some of the more modern forms of printing, such as some of the Italian Colonies which are by a process more similar to engraving than is lithography.

As for a lithographed stamp, these are printed from a plate that is absolutely flat and smooth. The design to be printed is transferred to the plate or stone and when inked, this design takes the ink because the plate has been treated in such manner that ink will stick only to the design and not to other parts of the plate or stone.

Then when an impression is taken this ink transfers to the paper in an absolutely flat print which does not stand up on the surface of the paper as do the engraved printings and if you hold a lithographed stamp level with your eye and squint across the surface of the paper you will note that the entire surface is flat. There is no indication of the ink standing up on the paper and no amount of magnifying this stamp would show any other way.

This may seem like a rather lengthy description but is a sure and sound way to pick the offset stamps in these numbers as given.

In 1934, Bulgaria issued a commemorative set for the unveiling of the Shipka Pass Battle Monument.

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Scandinavian Catalog For European Countries

One of the foremost catalogs published in the Danish language has just been released in its 1950 edition. It is the AFA Frimaerkekatalog, from the publishing firm of Aarhus Frimaerkehandel, Bruunsgade 33, Aarhus, Denmark.

There are 880 pages in this excellent reference book, bound between heavy paper covers. There are sufficient good illustrations of the stamps in major varieties, and in some cases, of well known minor ones.

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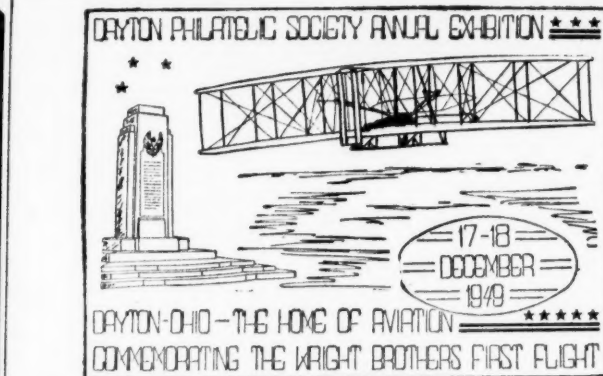
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African Voortrekker Commemorative Attractive

A special series of three postage stamps of the 1d., 1 1/2d. and 3d. denominations was issued by the Union of South Africa on December 1, 1949, to commemorate the dedication of the Voortrekker Monument at Pretoria.



The stamps, which were designed by Mr. W. H. Coetzer, the South African artist, will be issued in sheets of 120 and will be on sale at all post offices in South Africa for a period of two months. They will bear bilingual inscriptions and will not—as was the case in the recent Universal Postal Union issue—be printed alternately in the English and Afrikaans languages.

Special arrangements will be made by the Philatelic Section of the Post Office for the servicing of First Day Covers and mail orders for mint stamps of the Voortrekker issue.

Covers for servicing, accompanied by the necessary remittances, must reach the Post Office Publicity Officer (Philatelic Section), P. O. Box 1132, Pretoria, not later than the 30 November, 1949.

In addition to First Day Covers, a special service will be available for the servicing of commemorative covers from the specially established Post Office at the Voortrekker Monument at Pretoria.

These covers will be cancelled with the Voortrekker Monument date stamp on 16 December, the official date of the opening of the Monument. Such covers must also be addressed to the Post Office Publicity Officer (Philatelic Section) to reach him not later than 15 December.

It is suggested that remittances for the covers and mint stamps be made either by Bank Draft or International Money Order. Orders for mint stamps must include postage and registration charges.

According to John J. Harwood of Cape Town, S. Africa the Postal Administration of South West Africa will also offer for sale from 1 December, 1949, stamps of the South African Voortrekker Monument issue overprinted "SWA" and will undertake to service First Day Covers which are accompanied by

the necessary remittances and reach the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, South West Africa, by 30 December, 1949.

News and pictures of the stamps was made possible through the courtesy of J. Harwood, 9 Kensington Rd., Maitland, Cape Town, South Africa.

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F. Townsend Morgan of Annapolis, Maryland designed this stamp. Feeling that collectors would appreciate something unusual I approached Mr. Morgan and suggested he draw something in the nature of a "souvenir sheet" which with his autograph and a space for the stamp would make a most unusual page in any collectors album, or a striking picture to frame and mount in the stamp den, or as a gift to pass on to collector or non-collector alike. Mr. Morgan has designed such a sheet and it is as vivid and beautiful as the stamp itself.

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